

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 6, with the following paragraph:

The optical unit 8 includes optical fibers 10 provided so as to respectively correspond to the input channels #1 to #4 and optical fibers 12 provided so as to respectively correspond to the output channels #1 to #4. Collimating optical systems are formed by lenses (not shown) between the optical fibers 10 and the optical fibers 12. The optical fibers 10 are provided so that the input optical paths P1 are parallel to each other and inclined relative to the mirrors (reflecting means) 4 and 6. The optical fibers 12 are provided so that the output optical paths P2 are parallel to each other and inclined relative to the mirrors 4 and 6. In this preferred embodiment, the optical fibers 10 and 12 are parallel to each other on the same plane.<sup>2</sup>